

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
v.)	CRIMINAL NO. 05-30042 MLW
)	
CESAR CRUZ, and)	
RICARDO DIAZ)	

**DEFENDANTS' JOINT MOTION FOR FUNDS
FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Now comes the defendants herein and respectfully request that this Court authorize hotel accommodations at government expense for the attorneys in the above-captioned case, beginning the evening before the trial, and continuing until the verdict.

The defendants state as grounds for this request the following:

1. The defendants in this case are indigent, represented by counsel appointed under the Criminal Justice Act.
2. This case has been transferred from the Western Division of the District of Massachusetts to alleviate docket congestion, and the practice of each assigned counsel is located in Hampden County. Daily travel to court would be impractical in light of the distance involved and the traffic problems which continue in Boston and the surrounding area.
3. Accommodation in proximity to the court was helpful during the first trial of

this matter as contingencies which had to be dealt with overnight, or before the court session in the morning, arose during the proceedings.

Wherefore the defendants respectfully request that the above-described relief be granted.

DATED: December 14, 2006

Respectfully submitted,
Ricardo Diaz, Defendant

Respectfully submitted,
Cesar Cruz, Defendant

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this document filed through the ECF system will be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF) and paper copies will be sent to those indicated as non-registered participants on December 14, 2006

/s/ Terry Scott Nagel

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION FOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

NOW comes the undersigned Terry Scott Nagel and says

1. My name is Terry Scott Nagel. I am a member of the bar of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in good standing. I have defended over 40 persons charged with homicide. I have been a Criminal Justice Panel attorney for more than ten years.
2. The factual allegations in the foregoing motion are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
3. Both counsel in this case would stay in a hotel near the court in Boston if representing defendants with sufficient funds allow us to do so. In the previous trial, our proximity to Boston was helpful in our efforts to deal with contingencies which arose with respect to discovery.

Signed under the pains and penalties of perjury,

/s/Terry Scott Nagel
Terry Scott Nagel

Dated: December 14, 2006